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James H. Billington has been appointed to a three-year term as Associate Professor in the Department of History at Princeton University, it was announced today by President Robert F. Goheen. Effective this coming September, the appointment will run to June, 1965.

A graduate of Princeton in the Class of 1950, Dr. Billington received his D. Phil. from Oxford University in 1953. From 1953-1956 he was in the U.S. Army, and spent 1956-1957 doing intelligence work for the U. S. Government.

Dr. Billington taught as an Instructor in the History Department at Harvard University in the academic year 1957-1958, and was appointed Assistant Professor there in 1958.

That same year Oxford University (Clarendon Press) published his Mikhailovsk and Russian Populism. He is currently at work on two other books: a cultural history of Russia, which will be published by Knopf; and a study of Russia in the seventeenth century.

Last spring Dr. Billington, who is fluent in Russian, was a guest lecturer at the University of Leningrad and at the University of Marburg.

In September, 1961, he came to Princeton as an Alfred Hodder Fellow of the Council of the Humanities.

Dr. Billington has contributed articles to the American Historical Review, Slavic Review, Occidente, Foreign Affairs, and Freedom and Union. He is also a frequent contributor to the popular press, including the New York Times Magazine, which published his "Five Clues to the Khrushchev Riddle" last October 29; and the Reader's Digest, for which he wrote on "Russia's Restless Youth."

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Dear Jim:

I was delighted to receive as a trustee the University notice that you had become Associate Professor of History at Princeton.

I hope we will see much of each other. Also, I shall look to you for some help and guidance since I am now engaged in doing some writing on Russian matters which may or may not, depending on circumstances, become a book. What I propose to write about is "Communism in Action," that is not to deal so much with the history or philosophy of Communism, but what it is actually doing around the world and apparatus it has to do this.

Please let me know in case you should be in Washington.

Sincerely,

Signed

Allen W. Dulles

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